

LI HUNG CHANG NOW OWNS A BICYCLE.

He Says It is a Chinese Invention, Dating Back to 2300 B. C.

It Was Abolished Because the Women Neglected Their Household Duties for It

TELLS THIS TO A REPORTER.

After Destroying \$70,000 in Old Greenbacks in the Treasury Department, the Viceroy Leaves for Niagara Falls.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Li Hung Chang will take back to China an American bicycle. He is more interested in it than in anything he has seen since he left the Flowery Kingdom. Bicycles were first thrust upon his notice in Europe, but until he came to Washington and saw bicycles flitting by thousands over the smooth asphalt streets did he succumb to the wiles of a bicycle agent, who presented him with the latest improved '96 machine, the frame gold-mounted, and a special guard on the chain and rear wheel, to keep the Viceroy's skirts and pantalettes from getting tangled in the running gear.

Li and the machine brought into his reception room, where the agent did some marvelous feats in riding without knocking over the furniture and scenery.

BICYCLE A CHINESE INVENTION. The bicycle, Li Hung Chang informed the agent, is a Chinese invention, dating back to 2300 B. C., in the reign of the Hing dynasty. Instead of having the chain on the rear wheel it was on the front wheel,



and the rear wheel was the one which steered. It was very popular for one hundred and fifty years, when the women got to riding so much that they neglected their household duties and their families. The population began to decrease at an alarming rate, so the Emperor had to issue a decree abolishing them. The bicycle was known as the Sheng-Po, or Happy Dragon. That was before the Chinese had begun to possess the best of their women.

Li Hung Chang thinks that the bicycle was again being introduced into China. He is going to try his on the Taoist of Chihli, his particular enemy. Earl Li's bicycle has had a particular servant attached to it. When the viceroy left for the depot the Chinaman was observed in a closed carriage clutching the bicycle convulsively in his lap.

Secretary Carlisle and Treasurer Morgan escorted Li Hung Chang and his party through the Treasury vaults, showing him \$150,000,000 in gold and silver coin, which did not seem to impress him. But when the bond issue division was reached he manifested great interest and piled his guides with questions. When a \$50,000 bond was shown him he nudged his Secretary Foster and asked him if he had any like that.

In the cash room Mr. Morgan presented the Viceroy with a dollar bill of the new issue numbered "21," corresponding to his age, and this incident brought out the fact that to-day was Secretary Carlisle's birthday and that he was sixty-one years old, which led Li Hung Chang to remark that he was a young man.

LI HAS MONEY TO BURN. Down in the redemption division the Viceroy destroyed \$70,000 in old greenbacks with evident delight. Then Secretary Carlisle entered the carriage with him and the party were driven to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where all the operations of money and stamp making were viewed with the greatest curiosity.

Drizzling wet weather affected the promise for Li Hung Chang's last day of settlement in the United States quite much as the Viceroy's own comfort has been since his arrival in New York. The tugboat Minister was given an audience of twelve, and at 9:30 General Kruger the party over to the Treasury Department.

Leaves for Niagara Falls. Resident Thomson's private car had arrived for the Ambassador, and at

6 o'clock the journey to Niagara Falls began. The interior party will be reached at 11:20 to-morrow morning, where the band and such companies as can be spared from Fort Porter will act as escort. The American Park will be traversed and views had of the falls from the American side during the afternoon, and Monday morning at 10 o'clock the river will be crossed and soon after the party will be on its way to Vancouver and home.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Jelly de Lohia, the representative of the Canadian Government who is to meet Li Hung Chang here and escort him as the guest of the Canadian Government to Vancouver, arrived at the Clifton House to-morrow, together with a number of other officials.

MAY BE "CUSSEDNESS."

Stacia Corcoran Throws Herself in Front of a Cable Car Three Times, and Is Taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Stacia Corcoran, a country girl, is locked up in the prison ward at Bellevue, charged with attempting suicide yesterday at noon by throwing herself in front of a Third Avenue cable car at the corner of Seventh street.

The girl was sent to the Florence Mission by a policeman on August 5. Shortly after her arrival there she had an epileptic fit. When she registered she said her father and mother were dead. Later she declared to the matron that her father lived in Newburg, but had driven her from home. During her stay at the institution she had two fits, and on August 8 she left.

The girl returned in a few days and was sent to Dr. Blake, of the Board of Charities and Correction, who said that she was a case he could not provide for the woman because she was not a resident of the city. The matron then took her to the house, where she remained until last Tuesday. On that day she was again sent to Dr. Blake, and it is supposed he permitted her to go. Nothing was heard of her until her attempted suicide yesterday. About noon the cable-tender at Seventh street noticed a woman getting tangled, and finally she threw herself in front of one of the cars. The cars run very slowly at this point, as the cable is dropped a short distance above Seventh street. The woman was picked up unhurt. She did not go away, but made two other unsuccessful attempts to kill herself at the same place. The cable-tender then called a policeman and had the woman arrested. At Bellevue Hospital her case was diagnosed by Dr. Estier as "cussedness." She was then sent to the prison ward, and will be arraigned in Essex Market Police Court to-day.

COULDN'T GET JUSTICE.

Lawyer Shipperd Gave This as His Reason for Demanding a Change of Venue from Justice Ash's Court.

In the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, Justice Van Wyck granted an order for change of venue on the application of Lawyer Jacob I. Shipperd, of Richmond Hill, L. I., who was a week ago put under \$200 bonds by Police Justice Ash, of Richmond Hill, on a charge of interfering with an officer in the performance of his duties. The case will now come before the Court of Sessions of Queens County.

A week ago last night Mr. Shipperd's son, Henry, just returning from a 100-mile bicycle run, crossed the sidewalk on his wheel while turning from the road into the yard. Policeman Peter Larkins saw him and, considering that he had violated a city ordinance by riding on the walk, placed him under arrest.

While they were en route to the station house the elder Shipperd came up with them and vigorously denounced the policeman's conduct as an outrage. In the heat of the discussion he placed his hand on the policeman's arm, whereupon he was arrested by Larkins.

Justice Ash on Monday fined the son \$2 and placed the father under \$200 bonds for trial. The latter then applied for a change of venue on the ground that he could not get fair play in Justice Ash's court.

HAM WAS HIS UNDOING.

Lawyer Shomburg Held for Examination at New Brighton on the Accusation of a Fellow Boarder.

When Atkinson Shomburg, attorney and counselor-at-law, first became known to the residents of New Brighton, S. I., a little more than a year ago, the good villagers regarded his advent as something of an acquisition. Yesterday Shomburg appeared to them in the local court in quite another role, that of defendant, answering to the charge of larceny. His accuser was Herman Strosser, who was his fellow boarder at the home of Mrs. Margaret Jansen, near New Brighton station.

Shomburg came to New Brighton from Baltimore some months ago. He began to practice his profession in the local courts and was supposed to have a clientage in this city. He had a small attic room at Mrs. Jansen's and she served a light breakfast to him for a small sum. Recently she was away from home in the morning, and during her absence Strosser was in charge of the house. The latter, in his complaint, said that he had come upon Lawyer Shomburg during his breakfast hour and found him in the act of stealing part of a ham.

Shomburg was arraigned before Justice Acker yesterday. He was held for examination on Wednesday.

WITH LASSO AND SAW.

How a Fight Against the Placing of a Telephone Company's Poles Was Conducted.

Conrad Hoffman, who lives at No. 60 Franklin street, Jersey City, and who owns not only that, but the adjoining house, has an antipathy to poles, telegraph, trolley, telephone or otherwise. When he returned home on Friday night he found a hole dug in front of No. 62 and a gang of men from the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company engaged in placing a fifty-foot pole in the hole.

The big attack towered above the roof of the house and Mr. Hoffman, before the workmen could make it secure, lassoed it with a clothes line from the roof and made the rope fast to the chimney. When workmen reached the pole to cut the clothes lines he kept them back with a loaded pistol. The workmen finally placed a stout rope around the pole at one of the cross pieces and pulled at it, snapping the clothes line. Then they filled the hole and went away. During the night, however, some one sawed the pole through to within a few inches, leaving it in a dangerous condition, and now the telephone company has been ordered to remove it as it is a menace to public safety.

Shepard Won't Debate With Towns.

James P. Graham, secretary of the Kings County Bryan and Sewall club, No. 1, has received from Edward M. Shepard a letter in which Mr. Shepard declines to submit to rules in a debate on the silver question with Mirabeau L. Towns, but intimates that he is willing to make his argument before the club and have Mr. Towns answer it the same evening. The secretary replied that the matter would be laid before the club at the next meeting.

Was It One of Jesse James's Victims?

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 5.—While excavating in the rear of the old Jesse James house, in this city, where the outlaw was killed in 1882, workmen yesterday came upon the skeleton of a middle-aged man who had been buried without a coffin. Theory has gained credence that the body is that of Edward Miller, who mysteriously disappeared some years ago.

CHILDREN IN LOVE OUTWIT GUARDIANS.

Pretty Sixteen-Year-Old Bertha Moutter Elopes with Her Boy Admirer.

Escapes from Her Room by Means of a Bed Clothing Rope and Is Captured.

THEN PRETENDS TO TAKE POISON.

Promises to Give Up Her Youthful Adorer, Is Released from Her Room, and Flees to Boston with Him.

Mrs. Maria Moutter, of No. 21 Broome street, yesterday posted in her son's barber shop, at that number, a notice that she would pay \$10 for information concerning her daughter Bertha's whereabouts.

Bertha is sixteen years of age and was considered the prettiest girl in Broome street. Harry Giltz, of No. 37 Ludlow street, who is one year her senior, may know something about Bertha's present residence, but he has not been home for several days and is not expected to call on Mrs. Moutter and claim the reward.

Bertha's father is dead. Her elder brother, the barber, runs the house, and when he learned that there was an attachment between Bertha and Harry, he forbade them to meet. He grew very violent about it, and his mother seconded him. But Harry and Bertha met, and Harry was foolish enough to boast of this and say they would shortly run away and be married.

Bertha's brother heard of this a week ago Thursday and locked his sister in her room on the third floor. She made a rope of bed clothing and slid down the air shaft. She was caught emerging from the basement and returned, protesting, to her prison. She kept continually and neighbors began to take sides.

Harry was indignantly active, but could do nothing, and Monday night in despair Bertha took a quantity of some household drug which was supposed to be poisonous. It had the effect of making her very sick, and a doctor was called. The next day she was all right, but the family had not recovered from its fright, and when she asked to be allowed to go to work in a cloak factory where she had been employed, consent was given. She had been imprisoned five days, and had promised not to see Harry again.

That was Tuesday. Night came, but not Bertha. At the cloak factory it was learned she had worked until 11 p. m., and then gone downstairs in response to a note from young Giltz. At the young man's home nothing was known of his whereabouts or of the girl.

Bertha's brother told the police all about it yesterday. "They are children and foolish," he said. "I was so kind to her. The neighbors say I should whip her. I did not think she would really run away, or I would have tied her up. He is a bad boy, he never works, but always goes around with the girls."

Harry has not been employed for some time, but wore better clothes than his companions. He is supposed to be in Boston, and it is thought Bertha is with him.

WOULD WED, BUT CAN'T.

Veteran Rowe and Hannah Loseaw Have Spent Some Time in Fruitless Efforts to Have the Nuptial Knot Tied.

One of the standing jokes of the town of Washington, N. J., is the prolonged struggle of the veteran soldier, William Rowe, and the young and sprightly Hannah Loseaw to unite themselves in wedlock. For some time, despite the disparity in the ages, they have repeatedly sought, through the kindly offices of some one authorized to tie the nuptial knot, but always in vain.

The local wags said the reason was that the old soldier was obliged to await another pension day to get a new hat and divers other little trinkets which an expectant bride would deem indispensable. But the real reason was the age of Hannah. She is only about seventeen, and her persistent suitors have reached the discreet age of seventy or more.

Hannah's mother, who is a widow and a professional nurse, is bitterly opposed to the marriage. When asked yesterday if the report that the ceremony had finally been performed were true, she said that it was her daughter's wish to marry, but she would prevent it. The old fellow only started and reported himself to be a little fatter and his vanity," she said.

One of Rowe's neighbors said that he was not a man of war, but was deeply and not upon a pension of \$12 a month for support. The same man said that the bare prospect of succeeding in his last effort had so rejuvenated Rowe that he laid aside the crutches which he has used many days of yore when he knew not what rheumatism was.

WAS THIS YOUNG HARRIOTT?

Missing Hartford Youth Said to Have Been Seen at Glen Island.

W. Howard Harriott, the seventeen-year-old son of a wealthy Hartford widow, who suddenly disappeared from his home some time ago, and who was seen on Tuesday last drinking champagne and having a good time with Flossie Campbell, a Covey Island concert hall dancer, it is believed was at Glen Island yesterday.

One of the employees at that resort saw a young man who answered Harriott's description eating dinner and "opening wine" before departing. The young man was attired in the height of fashion and had plenty of money. Before departing he tipped the waiter handsomely and then inquired when he could get a train from New Rochelle to Hartford.

FATHER KILLEEN IS RETIRED.

Bishop Wigger Decides That His Age Impairs Him for Active Work.

All talk concerning the intention of Rev. Father Thomas M. Killeen, the recently deposed pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Bayonne, N. J., to contest his removal by Bishop Wigger, of Newark, was set at rest to-day by the publication of two letters given out by Rev. Dr. Killeen of Bayonne, N. J., with whom Father Killeen has spent much of his time since leaving Bayonne. The first letter was from the Bishop to Father Killeen, stating that the only reason for his removal was the infirmities due to his advanced age, and promising him an annuity of \$800 for the rest of his life. The second letter is from the priest accepting the decision.

The Season at North Beach.

The season at this deservedly popular resort is about drawing to a close. The traffic has been greater this season than at any time since the opening of this charming place, so justly named "Nature's Paradise." The management has been unopposed in its efforts to add still greater attractions, and some very agreeable surprises will doubtless be in store for the patrons of North Beach when it opens for the season of 1897.

SAW EUROPE FROM A BICYCLE SEAT.

Bronson Howard and His Friends Covered 1,700 Miles in Two Months.

Passed Through the South of England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Holland.

THEY TOOK UNFREQUENTED ROUTES.

Roads So Smooth and Level That the Wheels Seemed to Move of Their Own Accord—Coasted Seventeen Miles.

Bronson Howard, the dramatist, accompanied by Daniel Frohman and Dr. L. L. Seaman, recently took a bicycle tour through Europe. As a result of the trip Mr. Howard, who returned to this country Friday on the steamer St. Paul, is a walking encyclopedia of information concerning European towns on pneumatic tires.

With his companions he started from the Nelson Monument, in Trafalgar square, London, on June 1. They went through the south of England, the Channel Islands, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Holland, arriving again in Trafalgar square on August 1. In the two months' trip they covered 1,700 miles.

"Information concerning bicycle routes in Europe is not good," said Mr. Howard, yesterday. "It was a mere matter of chance with us, but from the bicyclists' point of view I think the route we chose was the very best one possible. I would warn all bicyclists against starting on a tour of Europe in Holland and going up the Rhine."

"We started from Trafalgar square by way of Epsom Downs to Leatherhead and over the Hog's Back to Southsury. From there we went to Southampton, and from there over to Jersey Island. We stopped at Guernsey and Jersey, but did not cycling, for the roads are rough. We struck the French coast at Granville and took the National road to Avranches. From Avranches we took an excursion to the Isle and castle of St. Michel, and then struck out over the National road again for Paris, passing through the cities of Bayeux, Caen, Trouville, Houlteur and Rouen. For eighty miles before reaching Paris the wheels

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"From Paris we went to Fontainebleau by rail. We rode on our wheels from Fontainebleau to Bazouas and back in one day, but to Dijon, the next stage on our journey, we went by rail, as the country is uninteresting.

"At Dijon we took the road least frequented by bicyclists to Besancon and found ourselves in a quiet country away from the regular paths of tourists. We went into Besancon, Switzerland, by rail, then on our bicycles through the loveliest part of Switzerland, by Lake Thun and Interlaken and over Brugg Pass to Lake Lucerne. We passed around the lake and through the Aarstrasse to Zurich, finding a down grade nearly all the way. It being our intention to go to the Black Forest, we took a train at Schoofhausen for Donaueschingen, which is at the southeastern end of the forest. We went through in a northwesterly direction, at one place striking a stretch of road suitable for coasting, seventeen miles long. We reached Strasbourg, and from there rode down the valley of the Rhine, through Baden Baden, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Worms, Welsbaden and other points of interest."

WHOLE FAMILY ON A DEBAUCH.

One of the Son's Died of Delirium Tremens. Mother, Brother and Sister Ill.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 5.—As the result of nearly a week of debauchery, William H. Rayment, an Englishman, lies dead in an undertaker's establishment, his brother is at the point of death and their mother and sister are in a precarious condition.

The Rayment family came here last week from Lewiston, where they have lived for five years, and took rooms at the Stafford House. They immediately began a debauch, which continued until nearly all were completely prostrated. William died of delirium tremens, and his brother Edward is suffering from the same malady. The family were on their way to Bermuda and had plenty of money.

The Rayment family came from England in 1890 and settled in Lewiston. They lived a retired life, but it was known that they dissipated. Colonel Rayment, the father, died in 1893. Mrs. Rayment is about sixty

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years old, the daughter is forty. Edward is thirty-five and the dead man, the youngest son, about twenty-five years old.

HELD UP FORTY GAMBLERS.

Two Men Make a Considerable Haul in Pueblo, Colorado.

Pueblo, Col., Sept. 5.—Four revolvers in the hands of two heavy men held up forty men in the Green Light gambling house, in the heart of the city, at 11:20 o'clock last night.

It is presumed that the men intended to rob the safe, but just at this moment one of the employees of the house came running up the stairs, making considerable noise, and this evidently frightened the robbers. They quickly backed toward the rear door, meanwhile covering the crowd with their guns, and disappeared. The police are searching for them.

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